

REMARKS

After the final Office Action mailed July 24, 2006, Claims 12-18 and 26-44 were pending. Applicants filed an amendment on September 22, 2006, which was not entered. Claims 26-34 and 40-43 were rejected, Claims 12-18 and 44 were withdrawn from consideration. In this paper, Claims 35 and 37 are amended; and Claims 12-34 and 40-43 are cancelled. Claims 35-39 are currently pending. No new matter is added by way of this amendment. For at least the following reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the presently pending claims is in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter (Claims 35-39)

Claims 35-39 were identified as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. In this paper, Claim 35 is re-written in independent form. Claims 36-39 depend from independent Claim 35. For at least this reason, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 35-39 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (Claims 35-39) is in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that the prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby. Although only certain arguments regarding patentability are set forth herein, there may be other arguments and reasons why the claimed invention is patentable. Applicants reserve the right to raise these arguments in the future.

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